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SUBJECT: FRENCH DEMARCHE TO MEXICO ON CUBA

- 1. FRENCH AMBASSADOR JEAN BELIARD INFORMED AMBASSADOR JOVA THAT HE MADE A SERIOUS DEMARCHE TO UNDER-SECY. FOREIGN RELATIONS GALLASTEGUI MARCH 10 ON SUBJECT OF CUBA.
- 2. ACCORDING TO AMBASSADOR BELIARD, HE INFORMED GALLASTEGUI HE WAS SPEAKING UNDER INSTRUCTIONS AND MADE PRESENTATION ALONG FOLLOWING LINES: CUBAN INTERVENTION IN AFRICA IS MATTER OF CONCERN TO GOF. ANGOLA IS ONLY MOST RECENT EPISODE IN EXTENSIVE CUBAN INTERVENTION. MOREOVER, ALL INDICATIONS ARE THAT INTERVENTION EXPANDING AND GOF IS CONCERNED THAT ZAIRE MAY BE NEXT TARGET. GOF BELIEVES THAT CUBAN INTERVENTION ON CURRENT SCALE IN AFRICA SHOULD BE MATTER OF SERIOUS PREOCCUPATION FOR MEXICO. IN FRENCH VIEW, IT WOULD BE NATURAL TO EXPECT CUBA TO TURN ITS MILITARY INTERVENTIONIST ATTENTION TO MEXICO IN THIS HEMISPHERE GIVEN MEXICO'S IMPORTANCE DERIVING FROM DEMOCRATIC TRADITION, SIZE, RESOURCES, ETC.
- 2. AMBASSADOR BELIARD REPORTED THAT GALLASTEGUI TOOK CAREFUL NOTE OF HIS PRESENTATION AND INDICATED CONFIDENTIAL

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THAT HE TOOK THE MATTER SERIOUSLY.

3. BELIARD REMARKED THAT HE BELIEVED FRENCH CREDIBILITY, AND THUS EFFECTIVENESS, GREATER THAN OURS ON THIS SUBJECT IN THIS HEMISPHERE. THOMPSON	
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